IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JANINE WILLIAMS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

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v. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-4752

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THE PISA GROUP, INC.

ORDER

This 24th day of February, 2023, for the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Amended Motion for Class Certification (ECF 43) is **GRANTED**.

This action shall be maintained as a class action in accordance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3), pursuant to the following findings of fact:

1. Plaintiff has asserted claims for Defendant's violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) on behalf of the following Class:

All natural persons in the United States who, within four years preceding the filing of this case, received more than one telephone solicitation call from PGI within a 12-month period telemarketing newspaper subscriptions more than 31 days after registering their telephone number with the National Do-Not-Call Registry.

- 2. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- 3. There are questions of law and/or fact common to the Class. The principal questions include:

- a. Whether Defendant's conduct violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227(c), and the Federal Communications Commission's implementing regulation, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)(2);
- b. Whether Defendant systematically made telephone calls to consumers whose telephone numbers were registered with the National Do Not Call Registry;
- c. Whether Defendant can demonstrate that any violation was the result of error, and that as part of its routine business practice it met the standards listed in 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)(2)(i);
- d. Whether Defendant can demonstrate that it had Established Business Relationships with members of the Class;
- e. Whether Defendant can demonstrate that it had prior express invitation or permission to call members of the Class;
- f. Whether members of the Class are entitled to up to three times actual monetary loss based on the willfulness of Defendant's conduct; and
- g. Whether Defendant and its agents should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the future.
- 4. The claim of representative Plaintiff Janine Williams is typical of the claim of the Class.
- 5. Plaintiff and her counsel will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class. Ms. Williams has no interests that appear antagonistic to the Class, and Plaintiff's counsel—Ellzey & Associates PLLC, Hughes Ellzey LLP, and Kimmel & Silverman PC—are experienced and competent.

- 6. Common issues of proof will predominate in this TCPA class action.
- 7. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

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It is therefore **FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3), the Court hereby:

8. Certifies the following Class:

All natural persons in the United States who, within four years preceding the filing of this case, received more than one telephone solicitation call from PGI within a 12-month period telemarketing newspaper subscriptions more than 31 days after registering their telephone number with the National Do-Not-Call Registry.

- 9. Certifies and appoints Plaintiff Janine Williams as Class representative.
- 10. Certifies and appoints the firms Ellzey & Associates PLLC, Hughes Ellzey LLP, and Kimmel & Silverman PC as Class Counsel.
- 11. Orders Plaintiff to submit a proposed form of class notification to the Court for review and approval within 45 days of this Order.

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This Court will issue a further Scheduling Order after its Order approving and directing notice to the Class.

/s/ Gerald Austin McHugh United States District Judge